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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/045,986 Confirmation No.: 1411  
Applicant : Tim E. Ward et al.  
Filing Date : 01/11/2002  
Title : Echogenic Surface for Enhanced Ultrasonic Visibility  
Group Art Unit : 3737  
Examiner : Ali M. Imam  
Docket No. : 701470.48  
Customer No. : 34313

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application in connection with the Office Action dated February 25, 2004.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 [fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)] for the total number of months checked below:

| EXTENSION<br>(months)                 | FEE FOR SMALL<br>ENTITY | FEE FOR OTHER THAN<br>SMALL ENTITY |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month    | \$55.00                 | \$110.00                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months   | \$210.00                | \$420.00                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$475.00                | \$950.00                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months  | \$740.00                | \$1,480.00                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months  | \$1,005.00              | \$2,010.00                         |
| Fee                                   |                         | \$0.00                             |

☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8, that I have reasonable basis to expect that that this paper or fee (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) would be mailed or transmitted on or before the date indicated with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date shown below in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dated: April 26, 2004

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Fee Calculation: TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT: \$ 0.00

- A. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 15-0665.  
☒ Charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 15-0665.  
B. ☐ Payment Enclosed  
☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

|  |          |                 |                          |   |   |   |         |                                 |
|--|----------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---------|---------------------------------|
| Total Claims   | 41       | -               | 40                       | = | 1 | x | \$18.00 | \$18.00                         |
| Independent Claims   | 2        | -               | 3                        | = | 0 | x | \$86.00 | \$0.00                          |
| Multiple Dependent Claims  | \$290.00 | (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |   |   |         | \$0.00                          |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>   |          |                 |                          |   |   |   |         | <b>\$0.00</b>                   |
| Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28. |          |                 |                          |   |   |   |         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00 |
| Extension of Time (from above)   |          |                 |                          |   |   |   |         | \$0.00                          |
| Assignment -- \$40 (if applicable)   |          |                 |                          |   |   |   |         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HERewith</b>                                       |          |                 |                          |   |   |   |         | <b>\$18.00</b>                  |

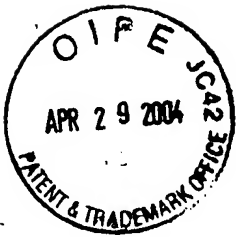
Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 26, 2004

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2004 and the teleconference with the Examiner on April 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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